



Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2014
5:00 p.m.
ASDB Tucson Campus

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Williams, Michael Gordon, Orlenda Roberts

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY: Sherri Collins, Elaine Baldrige, Angela Denning, Dr. Mark Syms (joined meeting approximately @ 5:20 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Taralynn Petrites

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Marv Lamer, Interim Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Anderson, Representative from the Office of the Attorney General

1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

- 1.01 **Call to Order:** President Michael Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 5:06 p.m.
- 1.02 **Information & Discussion: Student Activities & Youth Leadership Camp 2014**
Two ASD High School students, Fatuma Ali and Ayleen Zavala, spoke about their personal experiences attending the Youth Leadership Camp and on how they gained knowledge, confidence, support, and skills. Interim Superintendent Marv Lamer, President Michael Williams, Sherri Collins, Orlenda Roberts spoke on the issue.
- 1.03 **Call to the Public on Agendized Items:**
Beca Bailey, PDS parent, wrote about the Youth Leadership Camp. Wanted to encourage the Board to allocate funds to grant PDS students for summer 2015. (emailed by Beca Bailey & read by Interim Superintendent, Dr. Marv Lamer)
- 1.04 **Action & Motion Item: Approval of the Consent Agenda Consistent with Board Policy**
Consent Agenda Item 1.09 was approved as presented with the exception of 5.01 and 5.02.
- 1.05 **Information & Discussion: Financial Report**
Sherri Collins, Michael Gordon, Elaine Baldrige, Michael Williams and Orlenda Roberts spoke on the issue. President Michael Williams appointed Elaine Baldrige, Dr. Mark Syms, Angela Denning, and Michael Gordon to Financial subcommittee and appointed Dr. Mark Syms as Chairman.
- 1.06 **Discussion: Board President Report on Information Affecting ASDB**
President Michael Williams encouraged staff and parents to contact the legislature for any priority funding for ASDB; welcomed the new PDS Principal and acknowledged Dr. Marv Lamer, Interim Superintendent, on his job performance.

1.07 Discussion: Discussion and Possible Action to Retain Legal Counsel to Represent Board Members and Staff in Matters Beyond the Legal Scope of the Attorney General's Office

President Michael Williams spoke on the issue. It was recommended by Kim Anderson of the Attorney General's Office to go into Executive Session. It was motioned by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Michael Gordon and carried by 6 votes and 1 opposed (Sherri Collins) that the Board go in to executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3), which will not be open to the public, for discussion/consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorneys as it relates to this agenda item.

Board went in to Executive Session at approximately 5:55 p.m. and returned to public session at approximately at 6:20 p.m.

1.08 Discussion: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Concerns About Adverse Actions Taken Against Board Member as a Result of Board Service

Motioned by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Angela Denning and carried by 6 votes in favor and 1 opposed (Sherri Collins) that the Board go in to executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3), which will not be open to the public, for discussion/consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorneys as it relates to this agenda item.

Board went in to Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m. and returned to public session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Motioned by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Michael Gordon and carried by 6 votes in favor and 1 opposed (Sherri Collins) that the Attorney General's Office respond to personal attacks made on ASDB staff and Board members by Rob Voreck as a result of their service to the agency or on the Board. Board members and the Superintendent, on behalf of the staff, must provide by email to Kim Anderson from the Attorney General's Office with specific details of their concerns by no later than October 28, 2014.

1.09 Action (Consent): *Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Sherri Collins; seconded by Orlenda Roberts to approve Minutes for August 14, 2014. Motion carried and unanimously approved in the Consent Agenda.

1.10 Discussion: Department Reports

- **Instructional (William Koehler, Assistant Superintendent)**
- **Information Technology (Paul Creasy, Executive Director of IT)**
- **Operations (Terry Pritchard, Executive Director of Operations)**
- **Human Resources (Maria Murphy, Executive Director of Human Resources)**
- **Business Operations (Richard Valdivia, Director of Business Operations)**
- **Agency Report (Marv Lamer, Superintendent)**

Orlenda Roberts, Sherri Collins, Michael Williams, Paul Creasy, Maria Murphy, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Marv Lamer, spoke on the issue. Dr. Marv Lamer asked that questions regarding the Instructional Report be emailed to him and he will then forward them to Assistant Superintendent, William Koehler.

2. GIFTS AND DONATIONS

2.01 Action: Acceptance of Donation to the PDSB Miscellaneous Endowment Local Fund and to be Used for the Close-Up Program

Motioned by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Michael Gordon to approve the donation to PDSB for the Close-Up Program. Motion unanimously carried.

3. FACILITY AGREEMENTS

3.01 Action: Approval of Berger Performance Arts Center Rental Agreements with:

- **Time to Dance, Act I Academy, Ironwood Hills Church, Tucson Jazz Institute, Congregation Chaverim, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Gary Vecchiarelli Productions, LLC, Carden of Tucson Charter School, In Concert, Nepalis and Friends Association**

- **Approval of Other Facility Rental Agreements with:
Tucson Roadrunner Basketball Club, Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired**

Motioned by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Angela Denning to approve both the Berger Performance Arts Center Rental Agreements and Other Facility Rental Agreements. Motion unanimously carried.

4. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

4.01 Action: Approval of District Contracts with:

- **Kyrene Elementary School District, Mission Montessori Academy, Tempe Elementary School District, San Carlos Unified School District, and Desert Valley Regional Cooperative**
- **Cedar Unified District, Chinle Unified District, Concho Elementary School District, McNary Elementary School District, Show Low Unified School District, and Eastern Highlands Regional Cooperative**
- **Cottonwood-Oak Creek Elementary School District, Fredonia-Moccasin School District, Mayer Unified School District, Williams Unified School District, Flagstaff Arts and Leadership, and North Central Regional Cooperative**

Motioned by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Elaine Baldrige to approve the District Contracts. Motion unanimously carried.

4.02 Information & Discussion: Agency Student Enrollment Report for the month of September

Interim Superintendent Marv Lamer, Sherri Collins, and Michael Gordon spoke on the issue.

5. BOARD POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

5.01 Action (Consent): *Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policies: BGB, Policy Adoption and GBEC, Drug-Free Workplace

Interim Superintendent, Marv Lamer, asked President Michael Williams to bring Items 5.01 and 5.02 back in December outside the consent agenda. No objections from the Board, items tabled.

5.02 Action (Consent): *First Reading, Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policies: JL, Student Wellness; BBBB, Board Member Oath of Office; BDB, Board Officers; BE, School Board Meetings; BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings; BEDA, Notification of Board Meetings; BEDBA, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination; BGD, Board Review of Regulations; EF, Food Services; EFC, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; EFH, Food Services Sanitation Program; EFI, Food Services Records and Reports

Item included with Item 5.01.

6. BOARD REPORT

6.01 Information: Board Member Report

Sherri Collins spoke briefly about meeting with Dr. Marv Lamer and Maria Murphy regarding Interpreter Pay.

6.02 Discussion: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Retreat Dates and Topics

This item will be tabled until the December Board Meeting in anticipation of new Board Member appointees.

7. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

7.01 Call to the Public on Non-Agenda Items:

Ronald Hazelett-Weeks, alumni and substitute staff, spoke about when he was a student at ASDB, being a role model, the important use of ASL, and about issues he has encountered applying for jobs using the Arizona State Website.

Sharon Schira-Layton, CTE Coordinating Teacher, spoke about the Eight Characteristics of effectiveness for school Boards.

Kathy Fraychineaud, spoke on behalf of the community about Board archives missing from the website.

Polly Brady Garcia, alumni, spoke about the museum. Public School students will be visiting the museum in December and invited Board Members to visit.

James Revell, former staff and presently substitute teacher, spoke about hearing staff not signing all the time. Asked the Board to enforce the Policy. Dr. Mark Syms, Sherri Collins and Interim Superintendent, Marv Lamer, spoke on the issue.

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7.02 Information & Discussion Item: Agenda Items for Next Meeting

President Michael Williams would like Item 1.07 to have further discussion. Sherri Collins would like further discussion on school curriculum, teacher performance evaluations based on student achievement, Communication Policy, and update on the Superintendent search.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.01 Action: Adjournment

Motioned by President Michael Williams, seconded by Michael Gordon to adjourn meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned approximately at 8:00 p.m.

*Minutes approved at the December 18, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.
Submitted by Leticia Cruz for the ASDB Board of Directors.*